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Gregory Leads StudentCouncil For 1949-'50

Activities Planned For Next Year

Tom Gregory, representative-at-large, was elected President of the 1949-50 Student Council at its organizational meeting on Monday night. Bill Hutchison, Bill Schwarz, and Jack Rushmore were elected Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Hutchison and Schwarz are the representatives of the Class of '51 and '52 respectively, and Rushmore is President of the Class of 1951.

Bruce Prum, retiring President of the Council, conducted the election of officers and also informed the new governmental body of its immediate obligations. These duties which will be further discussed at a special Council meeting tonight, include the appointment of members to the newly-created advisory committees on student discipline and curriculum, the naming of a calendar committee which will regulate the extra-curricular schedule next year, and the election of a representative of the student body to serve on the Publications Board.

1949 Hamiltonian Published Tuesday

by Fred Binder

The new *Hamiltonian*, produced under the supervision of Editor Mortimer R. Sams, III, '49, and Faculty Advisor Otto K. Liedke, was distributed last Tuesday evening, May 24, and seems to have met with a favorable response on all sides.

Most noticeable feature of the buff and blue monk's-cloth bound volume is the change from last year's 6 1|2 by 9 1|2 inch format to a more conventional 8 1|2 by 11 inch size. The emphasis in general is on "pictures instead of the death-like prose which abounds in college annuals and catalogues".

Dedicated to Professors Nelson C. Dale, Donald B. Durham, Edward F. Hauch, Frank H. Ristine, and Robert B. Rudd, the book also contains individual pictures of both faculty and undergraduates, with blocks of twelve faculty members, twenty-five Juniors, and thirty Sophomores and Freshman to a page.

The number per page of the graduating class has been increased from last year's two, to four, with generally shorter "character sketch" paragraphs presented. The number of extra-curricular groups on a page has also been increased from one to two in most cases, and more "live" pictures have been used to supplement the old stan-

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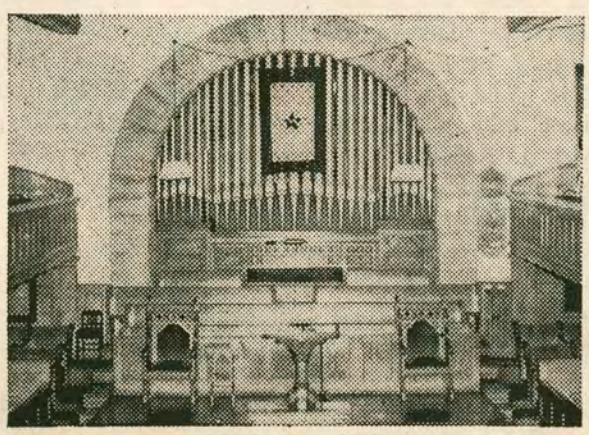
Largest Senior Class in Hamilton History To be Graduated at 139th Commencement

Spring, Construction Come to Hamilton's Historic Chapel



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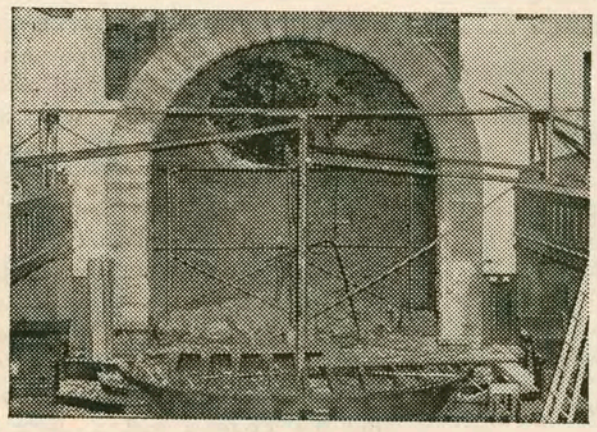

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Work Advances on Chapel Interior; Entire Restoration to Cost $110,000

Plans Call for New Colonial Pews; Transfer of Organ Console, Pipes

During the past three weeks, considerable progress has been made on the construction of the Chapel's new $110,000 interior. The final plans for the work include white colonial pews, over fifty of which are to be dedicated to Hamiltonians who gave their lives in World War II; the transfer of the organ console and pipes to the balcony in the rear of the auditorium; a chancel and large window in the space at the west and formerly occupied by the organ pipes; and a redecorated vestibule with coatroom and lavatory facilities.

To date, much of the old interior fittings has been removed, and several interesting facts concerning the construction of the building have been uncovered. The exterior walls are twenty-seven inches thick and constructed of a grey dolomite which turns the familiar brown upon exposure. According to several of the drill operators, these walls are just as sturdy today as they were over 115 years ago when the Chapel was completed. The old pews have all been removed and are soon to be installed in the Chapel at nearby Cazenovia Junior College. The terrazza floors with their buff and blue borders were found to be six inches thick. The platform and choir loft was found to be a recent addition to the original, smaller platform, rebuilt to accomodate Prof. Fancher's large choir.

The brooding grey arch that framed the organ pipes is on its way out, but with difficulties. Each stone in the arch weighs an estimated 7700 pounds, and is being removed piece by small piece with the aid of two pneumatic drills. The organ chamber, built in 1897, contains an inner brick wall with a dead air space between it and the outer wall to protect the organ pipes from dampness and extreme temperatures.

The chute in the wall on the left of the vestibule is not a secret passageway. It contains the weights for the Chapel clock. (The clock is wound each Thursday at 1:00 p. m.).

Foreign Language Policy Discussed

The *Spectator* learned this week that a special meeting of the faculty was called this afternoon to consider policy on the College's foreign language requirement. The Committee on Studies, headed by Dr. Boyd C. Patterson, has been investigating the matter during the past year. It is expected that action will be taken on a proposal which has been formulated by the Committee. In the event of any important developments, the *Spectator* will issue a special bulletin late this evening or early tomorrow morning.

JUNIORS WIN CLASS DAY

The Class of 1950 was awarded the Class Day trophy for "all-around ability" by President Robert W. McEwen last Wednesday night. Dr. Arthur Percy Saunders, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, presented the Class Sing trophy to Gordon R. Smith, who directed the prize-winning Seniors.

The Juniors were victorious in the track meet and softball game, the sophomores won the golf tournament, and the students defeated the faculty softball team 14-11 in other features of the day.

GetmanElected I.F.C.President

At the final meeting of the year, Al Getman, of Theta Delta Chi, was elected President of the Interfraternity Council. Harry Bates of Sigma Phi, and Mark Hagerman of Squires, were named Vice-President and Secretary, respectively.

Al Schneider and Ernest Smith, senior representatives of the Modern Tailor and McPherson's Laundry, presented their cases for the awarding of next year's business contracts. Action on the former was deferred, and the latter was approved for the first semester. The IFC policy on this matter is to award contracts on a semester basis to one firm in each field. The firms will have to deal through the agents appointed by Mr. Sidney Bennett, subject to approval by the IFC and the firms in question.

After prolonged discussion, the Council voted to approve an amendment proposed to the Constitution. The amendment provides that no man may be extended an invitation to dinner by any house until he arrives on the Hill in the fall.

The group also discussed the institution of an Interfraternity Council Scholarship. According to present plans, money would be donated by members of the groups represented on the Council to provide a $400 General Scholarship Fund which would be awarded to two deserving men each year.

Members of the new Council,

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132 Will Receive Their Diplomas

One hundred and thirty-two Hamilton seniors — the largest graduating class in the history of the College — are scheduled to receive diplomas in the 1949 commencement exercises on the Hill June 12.

Main speaker in this 139th Hamilton College Commencement will be President Robert W. McEwen, who came to the College as its 14th president last February. This will be President McEwen's first formal address since his arrival.

In addition to the degrees given to the seniors, honorary degrees will be awarded to six prominent men — with General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, heading the list of recipients. General Bradley, who will give the charge to the graduating class, will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Also to receive a Doctorate of Laws is Judge Stanley H. Fuld of the State Court of Appeals. Rev. Harold B. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois, and Rev. Robert M. Skinner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, N. J., and a 1924 graduate of Hamilton, will both receive honorary Doctorates of Divinity

Other honorary degree recipients will be Edward M. Forster, English novelist, and William P. Welsh, Pasadena, Calif., Hamilton alumnus.

Commencement week end will officially get under way on Friday afternoon, June 10, when at 2:00 the Board of Trustees will meet in Buttrick Hall; at 3:00 p. m. the Alumni Council will convene at the home of Wallace B. Johnson. The second session of the Council will be at the Alexander Hamilton Inn at 6:30 Friday evening.

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Richard Bennett Wins Organ Meet

Richard Bennett was the winner of the American Guild of Organists competition held in New York City this week, according to word received from Professor Berrian Shute on Wednesday. Bennett won over three other finalists from a large field of competitors, all under 25, from New York and New Jersey.

Mr. John L. Baldwin gave a recital for Guild members at the Central Presbyterian Church. His program included Prof. Shute's *Prelude and Finale.*

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An Open Letter

For the past three years I have heard numerous visitors to the Hill talk of the marvelous facilities for scholastic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities. For three years, on and off the campus, I have praised the facilities of the college and all that Hamilton has to offer the students. But, and I cannot emphasize this too much, I have not been able to praise the student body.

At one time or another, the students have depreciated most of the existing activities of the college. This includes the athletics, the student government, the publications, and most of the other organizations. The students have complained about lack of direction from the administration. So far as I can see, the only thing we have not depreciated is ourselves. What we need is a more critical analysis of what each and everyone of us is doing to make Hamilton College a better community in which to spend four years of our lives. It is the students who can make or break the college. If all the time which was spent in depreciating existing conditions was spent in doing something constructive we would have a more spirited and unified student body. To accomplish anything takes time and effort.

What then should we do to make the community a happier aod more beneficial place in wnich to live? My answer is that everyone of us must take a more active interest, a vital interest, in the affairs of the college. By this I mean two things — first, each student who has a particular talent and is not using it, should, for his own personal satisfaction, and the satisfaction of his fellow students make his talent accessible; secondly every studentmust back up the activities of the college so that an incentive to participate will be created. This applies to all the activities. A man who participates voluntarily usually does a better job than one who is forced to participate through the medium of social pressure. Thus, we must create an incentive to participate, and it takes the whole student body to do this. In short, we need extensive development of the potential talent present. If we get the best available talent out for the activities and then back them up wholeheartedly the spirit and unity of the college is bound to increase.

Looking back on this last year I think the ball is rolling. We have direction from above in our new president, the soccer team was the best the college has produced, the swimming team shattered all the college records, all the spring sports are showing up better than the previous two years, the publications have improved, Charlatan one-act plays had a standing room crowd, the choir concerts at Christmas and Easter were very fine, and several outbursts of enthusiasm have manifested themselves in *The Royal Gaboon* and the lacrosse and ski teams. Interest in student government is on the rise and a vast improvement in the election system was legislated. The Block "H" Club has developed a sound plan to interest high school students in the college.

So you can see that the lethargy which permeated the campus after the war is starting to disappear. With a little more enthusiasm on the part of each Hamiltonian we can make long strides next year toward making Hamilton College a more spirited and united community, BUT, I repeat, it takes time and effort to accomplish anything; and this time and effort must come from us, the studtnts of Hamilton College.

Thomas D. Gregory, '50
President of Student Council.

Charlatans Present 'Play's the Thing'

Left to right: Blitz, Carter, Mrs. Paul Johnson, D. Johnson, Rollins. Missing: Piggott. Rehearsal for "The Play's the Thing".

Last night's performance by the Charlatans of Ferenc Molnar's *The Play's The Thing* was almost wholly respectable. Produced and directed by, and featuring, among others, Dwight Carter, this production proved that even when forced to shift for themselves the Charlatans can perform successfully. The play itself is clever, and funny, in a quiet way, at least until the last act when it becomes uproariously so. Carter and J. Robert Piggott, as Mansky and Sandor Turai, respectively, successful collaborating playwrights, carried out their duties with aplomb, Carter with a particular emphasis that tended toward monotony, though generally he seemed clear, thoughtful and considerably experienced. J. Ryan Brownfield as their friend Albert, a young and distraught musician in love with the *prima donna,* was, though uneven, adequately distraught. Herbert Blitz as Almady, Albert's ham actor rival, might have stolen the show if he hadn't resorted to exercising his Prussian yell a little too often. As it was he came through as a spirited and constantly brilliant caricature. Douglas Johnson as Dwornitschek, the butler, was a very pleasant surprise indeed, and Edward Rollins in the role of Mr. Mell, a garrulous and fussy secretary, often gestured too violently, but held his own. Naturally enough, the most charming member if the cast was Mrs. Rita Johnson, whose warm portrayal of Illona Szabo was a neat and ingratiating job.

Now for an over-all comment or two. The set, by Galbraith Crump, was all right. The prompting was audible only once. The second act suffered from sloppiness, the first a bit from slowness, the last a bit from over-emphasis, nevertheless the whole thing was fairly natural and even. Perhaps the pace could have been spurred at certain junctures, and perhaps there might have been more planning of effects, more direction, more precise timing in places, but again, the comedy came off as a very entertaining and agreable show.

Steve Feldman

Lacrosse???

The current campaign to retain Hamilton's lacrosse team reached its climax last night when the newly created Athletic Advisory Committee met to review the question. President McEwen revealed to the "Spectator" this week that the first decision to drop lacrosse had been made by Mr. Rudd's temporary committee on athletics last January. At that time the decision was based primarily on the supposition that lacrosse would conflict with spring football. It has become clear since then that this stand might not have been well founded, and that certain arguments in favor of lacrosse might not have been thoroughly weighed. Hence, the permanent committee decided to review the matter last night.

A letter to the editor of this paper, from Donald Gingras, '50, stressing the participation value of lacrosse and pointing out some inconsistencies in the reasons given for dropping the sport, seemed to represent accurately the student argument favoring the sport. It at least indicated to the editor, who had previously supported the administration's decision to drop lacrosse, that some factors apparently had not been taken into consideration. Accordingly, with the writer's permission, we have referred the letter to the committee. We feel certain that the committee has reviewed the question thorand are confident that their decision will be for the best.

Hill Students Think That....

Subject: *The Royal Gaboon*

1. How much of the *Royal Gaboon* did you read?
   - 3.6% read none of it
   - 7.8% glanced briefly at it
   - 19.6% read parts of it
   - 42.7% read most of it
   - 26.3% read it from cover to cover
2. What is your over-all opinion of the first issue of the *Royal Gaboon?*
   - 11.5% excellent
   - 44.0% good
   - 25.8% fair
   - 11.0% poor
   - 2.9% very poor
   - 4.3% no opinion
3. Do you think the first issue of the *Royal Gaboon* warrants continued publication?
   - 82.7% yes
   - 7.2% no
   - 10.1% no opinion
4. Which section of a humor magazine would be the least appealing to you?
   - 20.4% poems
   - 4.5% cartoons
   - 18.2% jokes
   - 13.7% satirical and humorous articles
   - 17.1% humorous short articles
   - 14.4% photographic features
   - 11.7% no opinion
5. Which section of a humor magazine would be the MOST appealing to you?
   - 11.1% jokes
   - 8.9% cartoons
   - 6.0% poems
   - 37.3% satirical and humorous articles
   - 12.8% humorous short stories
   - 11.1% photographic features
   - 12.8% no opinion
6. How often do you think the *Royal Gaboon* should be published?
   - 2.5% once per year
   - 6.7% twice per year
   - 31.9% three times per year
   - 32.8% four times per year
   - 10.3% more than four times per year
   - 15.7% no opinion
7. What system for future purchasing of the *Royal Gaboon* do you favor?
   - 20.0% yearly subscriptions
   - 24.0% increased publications board fees
   - 40.0% individual purchases
   - 7.6% system not mentioned here
   - 8.3% no opinion
8. Would you favor some form of combination of the *Royal Gaboon* and the *Continental*?
   - 14.8% yes
   - 77.3% no
   - 7.9% no opinion

Letter to the Editor

Prof. Thorp on 'Continental'

Dear Sir,

I should like to bring to your attention a part of a note written to me early in February of this year by a distinguished alumnus, Mr. Willard Thorp, '20 (Psi U), Dean of American Studies at Princeton University, and affectionately known to many on the Hill. Mr. Thorp was kind enough having read this year's first *Continental,* to write an enthusiasic reply, occasioned by our request for patrons; and, in so doing, to become our first benefactor. I suspect that his letter was written much in the effulgent spirit of a particularly faithful Hamilton Grad, but it is hardly less pertinent for that. At the risk of offending the good taste of those, such as, I fear, Mr. Thorp himself, who may legitimately disapprove of my making public a note of such personal motivation, I append herewith the following paragraphs:

Dear Mr. Feldman,

Many thanks for the copy of the Continental. *It gives me a big stir for it is good, really good, and I am happy to see a little magazine which is mature and interesting coming from the Hill. The whole level is high, but I particularly enjoyed — for particular reasons — "Traveler's Tale" (I regret to say I know London better than I do New York); "Indiana Wedding" (Someone will be trying to buy this man Olsen soon); "Traduttori? Traditori!" (very sound sense here).*

I hope there'll be another copy along soon, and I wish you all the luck in the world.

Yours cordially,
Willard Thorp, '20

Perhaps I should simply add that, of course, we have continued to send Mr. Thorp the *Continental,* and that we have as yet tendered from his quarter no dissenting thrust.

Yours faithfully,
Steve Feldman, '50

Spectator Reviews News of 1948-49

by Greg Drummond

In the past year there have been certain events which we, the editors of the *Spectator*, feel are worthy of mention and comment in this "News of the Year in Review." Some of these have been chosen because they have far-reaching consequences on the student body, some because they involve outstanding graduates and undergraduates, and some because of historic significance. Of this latter group, some, like the bus to the Hill, are noteworthy because of their newness, and others, like the changing of Wednesday assembly, because they alter traditional patterns of life on the Hill.

The oustanding news event of the year was the appointment on October 12 of Dr. Robert W. McEwen as President of the College. Since arriving on the Hill in February, President McEwen has evidenced a dynamic concern with the activities of all Hamiltonians. His willingness to listen to all sides of a problem has put him in good favor with graduates and undergraduates alike.

A significant development this year has been the formation of a Student-Faculty-Trustee Athletic Advisory Board. The Block "H" committee on recruiting qualified high school athletes, the sub-freshman weekends sponsored by the Block "H" Club, and the arrival of four well-qualified and well-liked coaches have also been important factors in the development of a definitive athletic policy.

Unification of the College community and the elimination of student apathy have come up for discussion repeatedly, both in the *Spectator* and in student "bull-sessions. President McEwen has discussed college policy in Wednesday chapel, which was changed to mid-morning. The system of nomination for the Student Council was altered in an attempt to obtain a more representative Council, and the Junior Class instituted a new method of electing a President in an effort to determine the real choice of the Class. The *Spectator* has supported and or praised all these moves as positive steps in the direction of a more unified and spirited college community.

One of the outstanding factors contributed to a well-rounded college program this year, we feel, has been the Chapel Convocation Series. All the eminent visitors under this series have delivered stimulating, provocative addresses to virtually the entire college. Norman Thomas and Dr. Mordecai Johnson, the last two speakers, were especially well-received, and justly, for they were perhaps most pertinent to the moral and ethical problems which face the world today.

A recent innovation, and we hope a permanent one, has been the bus service to the top of the Hill. Mr. David Wilder, who made several trips to Utica and Albany in an effort to obtain this service deserves once more the thanks of the entire College.

Working under trying conditions, the Charlatans have produced commendable performances of *Macbeth* and of three one-act plays. Dwight Carter, who guided the Charlatans this year, deserves the praises and gratitude of the entire student body for his tireless efforts in this field.

The Choir has contributed two rewarding evenings to Hamilton life this year. With the Utica Oratorio Society and under the direction of Professor Berrian Shute they presented Handel's "Messiah" in December, and Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" in May.

The *Spectator* also wishes to congratulate the entire student body, especially the Debate Club, for their work in managing the regional high school Forensic League tournament this spring. The tournament seemed to have left the visitors with a very favorable impression of Hamilton.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, '19, has perhaps figured more prominently in the news than any other graduate. Appointed Ambassador-at-large by President Truman, his name has appeared often on the front pages of the country's newspapers. Dr. Jessup was elected a member of the Board of Trustees in January.

It woul be impossible to cite the outstanding undergraduates during the past year.

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Debate Club Holds Annual Banquet

The Hamilton College debate club held its annual banquet and final meeting of the year at the Alexander Hamilton Inn last Wednesday evening. President McEwen Dean Tolles, and Prof. Marsh addressed the fifteen members present.

Retiring President Howard reported Hamilton had won twenty-five tournaments out of a total of thirty-seven, probably somewhat of a Hamilton record; that the club members had traveled well over five thousand miles to meet representatives of other schools, going as far south as Annapolis, Md., as far east as Boston., Mass., and as far north as Brunswick, Me.

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in addition to those listed above, are: Phil Evans of DU, Bob Mackay of Alpha Delt, Jack Russell of DKE, Jim Sontheimer of Psi U, Al Milford of Alpha Chi, Paul Langa of Lambda Chi, Bill Hampton of Chi Psi, Tom Gregory of ELS, and Bob Schaaf of TKE.

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dard group poses..

The "one picture is worth ten thousand words" idea has been carried over into both the sports and houseparty sections, with more shots being used for athle- athletics, and pictures excluding written copy completely tn Winter Carnival and Houseparty coverage.

Because of normal production problems, the book covers the time period between April, 1948, and March, 1949, so that the Spring sports and activities presented are those of a year ago.

Editor Sams, in reference to the omission of the Charlatans from the activities section, stated the group was in a very precarius position at layout time, so that plans were made without it. Apologies have been made to all concerned.

News in Review

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of the Interfraternity Council, the Honor Court, the Student Council, and the various honor societies have all worked to make Hamilton a better college. In addition to these men, however, there are many others who have contributed their time and effort in an attempt to improve the athletic, social, and academic life of Hamilton.

In passing review of the happenings of the second semester, several things stand out as signaling a return to an era of normalcy. The arrival of Dr. McEwen, already mentioned, the Was Los- Sophomore dance, the enthusiastic success of the spring athletic teams, the long awaited restoration of the Chapel, indicate that a new period has begun. We hope that alumni, faculty members, students, and friends can look back on 1949 as the last of the typical "post-war" years.

Commencement Exercises . . Cont'd

Saturday at 10 a. m. the Society of Alumni will hold its annual "town meeting" in the Hall of Commons. L. Danforth Bates, Columbia Broadcasting legal counsel and head of the group, will preside.

At noon, the graduating seniors and their fathers, along with alumni and faculty members, will gather at the gymnasium for the annual Alumni luncheon. At the luncheon, Clark H. Minor, former International General Electric Co. president and now chairman of the Hamilton Board of Trustees, will address the seniors.

The 90th Clark Prize Speaking Contest — for seniors outstanding in Public Speaking — will be held in the Hall of Commons Saturday afternoon at 2:30, and at 4:00 President and Mrs. McEwen will greet alumni, students, faculty, and guests at the President's reception in the Library. At 5:00 p. m. Hill fraternities will hold their annual meetings.

Class reunion dinners will take place Saturday evening, previous to a concert by tht Choir in the Gymnasium at 8:30.

The Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class will be delivered at 11:00 a. m. Sunday in the Gymnasium by the Rev. Mr. Walker. At 12:15 members of Pentagon will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mr. Johnson.

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Hill's Union and Phoenix Slugged It Out In Past Years

As most of us know, we have today a large choice of extra-curricular activities here on the Hill. One can become and "outer" or a "chesser," or spend a few amusing hours trying to get the "good" passages out of the foreign language films which are brought in from civilization now and then. We are indeed very fortunate, for this veritable galaxy of clubs, societies, and intellectual discussion groups did not always exist. In fact way back in the early years, right after we had decided to discriminate (in a nice way of course) against the Indians, there were only two clubs, the Philopeuthian and the Phoenix Societies. The former lasted from about 1813 to sometime in the late and tempestuous twenties or early thirties, when it was succeded by the Union Society. The Phoenix led a rough life but managed to stay alive in one form or another until 1868 when it became the nucleus for Theta Delt.

In the early years the rivalry between these two groups was very keen. Both of them were literary in nature and featured two debates as the meat of each meeting. The Phoenix, which has left the most complete record, had many famous men as members and honorary members. Probably the cost prominent member was Gerritt Smith, the great abolitionist and several times candidate for the presidency. Among those who became honorary members were Dewitt Clinton, Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, Washington Irving, John Quincy Adams, and Martin Van Buren.

Perhaps the most memorable incident in the stormy history of the Phoenix was the Commencement Affair of 1832. In the spring of that year the group invited one Colonel Prosper Wetmore, a New York poet of some fame, to speak here during Commencement Week. A rival group questioned the legality of this move and took the issue to the president who, evidently not a Phoenician, decided against the speaker, and proceeded to ban such a move. The stout little society stood its ground against the administration, and consequestly commencement was was not held that year. The reason given was a cholera epidemic in Utica. In spite of this, many people came to hear the good colonel and were rewarded by a reading of an original work.

The advent of fraternities, Sigma Phi in 1831 and Alpha Delt in 1832, presented grave problems. By 1845 the Phoenix had reworded its constitution to admit fraternity members. This resulted two years later in a campus line-up in this fashion: Alpha Delt and Chi Psi were within the Phoenix Society, and Sigma Phi and Psi U were allied in the opposing group. The Phoenix continued to be literary in character and maintained the College reading room which by this time had over 3,000 volumes and a collection in errata including a beaver's skull, a lock of Alexander Hamilton's hair, and a complete unabridged Indian scalping outfit.

Perhaps the most interesting, undoubterly the most popular, and also the most unorganized of the early clubs was the fabulous "Army of the Oriskany" which is mentioned as having functioned quite well in 1847. This consisted in a practice which may in later years have been changed to the flag rush, a rather feeble substitute. It seems that on some good spring say the sophomores would herd the freshmen down to Dan Kelly's, the Frankie's of those days, and demand free refreshments as long as the plebes' money held out. This, of all the early groups, might bear research and with a few revisions be a welcome addition to the Hill today.

Rosher Appoints Continental Staff

Don Roscher has announced the following appointees to the Literary Board of *The Continental* for the year '49-'50: Myron Belcock, Charles Davis, Arnold Klein, Robert Larsen, John O'Rourke, and William von Thurn..

Roscher also announced that Professors Robert Barnes Rudd and George Lyman Nesbitt have agreed to remain as Faculty Advisors. A special Board of Art has been formed and its members are Morgan Underwood, Donald Birkby, Edwin Hayden, and Nathaniel Mann.

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Scanning the Field

by Bob Tillman

Having been freed of the six feet of concrete under which all sports writers were placed some weeks ago, we feel that the time is ripe to set forth our point of view concerning the athletic situation here at Hamilton. No panaceas or wholesale condemnations this trip, but merely a few points that seem to be in great need of clarification.

First of all, how about the question of our opponents? We have had to drop such schools as Rochester and RPI from the football schedule because they became too large after the war, and found it easy to roll up outrageous score on us. If the present trend continues, Union may well be the next to go; for despite all the cries of "tradition" that can be raised, there may very possibly come a time when our annual meeting with the Dutchmen will degenerate into a farce, unless Hamilton can come up with a preponderance of good players. Also, it would be a drastic mistake to schedule any but the most ivy-clad institutions, and to neglect those that are younger and have less academic prestige. We're not advocating that Hamilton drop all of its time-honored foes in favor of a bunch of lesser ones, but it doesn't seem plausible to believe that our academic standing would be greatly harmed if we stooped to play someone not quite in our scholastic bracket in some sports.

Finally, there is the problem of what sport or sports to emphasize. The decision apparently has been to concentrate on football and hockey, and it wouldn't be too surprising to see some of the others dropped or reduced to an informal status. Lacrosse, Hamilton's "experiment noble in motive," appears to be the first on the list, although it's going to be a tough job to tell the boys that they have spent three years building up the sport that they must hang up their sticks, especially after a fairly successful season. But if the powers that be have decided to build up strong teams in one or two sports, rather than have mediocre squads in all of them, it may work out for the best.

Hamilton "9" Meet Union In Final Tilt

Hamilton's baseball team will be attempting to even their season's record at 5 wins and 5 defeats when they play the final game of the year tomorrow afternoon, meeting Union on the Hill diamond.

The Continentals defeated Union, 9-8, in Schenectady earlier in the season and will be heavy favorites tomorrow. Capt. Jim Beaverson, playing the final game of his Hamilton baseball career, will probably start on the mound.

Last weekend on their two game trip, Hamilton dropped both contests by one run, bowing before R. P. I. 4-3, and losing to Middlebury 8-7. However, the Blue came back Tuesday in Geneva to rout Hobart 11-5 for the second time this season.

Turning in their best fielding performance of the year and continuing their heavy hitting, Hamilton scored eight runs in the first three innings against Hobart and coasted to victory. Tony Sleggs, batted out of the box at Middlebury, turned in a steady pitching job, scattering nine hits. Johnny Warren and Rog Wood, with 3 for 5 and 2 for 3, respectively, paced Hamilton's eleven hit attack.

The Continentals tallied six runs in the second inning with

Center Fielder Jerry Steiner was elected captain of the Hamilton baseball team for the 1950 season last Tuesday night.

Sub-Freshman Visit Hamilton Under Block "H" Sponsorship

Lacrosse Team To Play Against Cortland State

The Blue lacrosse team concludes its first season by facing Cortland State this Saturday at 2:30 at home. Cortland has played in bad luck, and despite a fairly powerful club, it dropped 6-17,4-9, and 3-17 decisions to Cornell, Hobart, and Syracuse respectively, while trimming Sampson, 6-3. Cortland is well within Hamilton's class, and a hard-fought, close scrap is predicted.

Hamilton's lacrosse squad picked up its second victory of the campaign as the expert defense corps played faultlessly in front of Goalie Albie Griffiths and turned in a 3-0 shutout over Sampson last Saturday.

The game was an evenly played deadlock until Dick Baldwin broke the ice at the 3:36 mark of the third period with a short shot into the nets which started a Continental surge of scoring. Captain Gabe Smilkstein followed Dick's feat with a long screened shot at 9:01 of the same quarter, and Jim Sontheimer sealed the victory with

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28 Athletes Here This Weekend

Gordon Burton, chairman of the Block "H" Club Sub-freshman Committee, announced that 28 prospective Hamilton men will visit the Hill this weekend. They will be guests of the various fraternities and will have an opportunity to see all spring athletic teams in action on the Hill.

The group will include four football stars from Towanda, James Lenox, Bob Munkittrick, Jerome Huffman, and Robert Vite, who also plays basebaall and basketball.

All New York City football player Jim Brantley, from Trinity School is also expected. From Elmira will come Bill Tryon and Ward Hamm, two more gridiron stars.

Two visiting hockey players will be James Fullerton, captain of the Northwoods squad this year, and Leigh Quinn from Belmont. Jim Farmer, Milbrook School baseball player of Manlius, Bruce MacLaury, Exeter, Bernard Struhl from Brooklyn, and Thomas Olney of Manlius will also be in the group.

Fifteen students from Rome, names of whom were not announced by press time, are also expected to visit the Hill during the weekend.

Golf and Tennis Teams to battle Union For Second and Last Time This Year

The golf and tennis teams will finish their 1949 seasons tomorrow with meets against Union College on the Hill. Both teams have previously beaten the Garnet on the Schenectady fields.

After a win against the Hobart Statesmen at Geneva on Wednesday of last week, the netsters had little trouble disposing of the Utica College squad on Saturday, 7-2. The Blue made a clean sweep of the singles events and lost only two doubles. The Tangerines defaulted the third doubles match. The courtmen and the golf team traveled to Rochester on Wednesday, but the results were not obtainable by press time. In an earlier match the Rochester squad downed the locals. The only other loss for the season thus far was a close 5-4 match with Stevens early in the season.

The golf squad stretched its record to five wins against three losses last weekend when it easily downed Utica, 7-2. The

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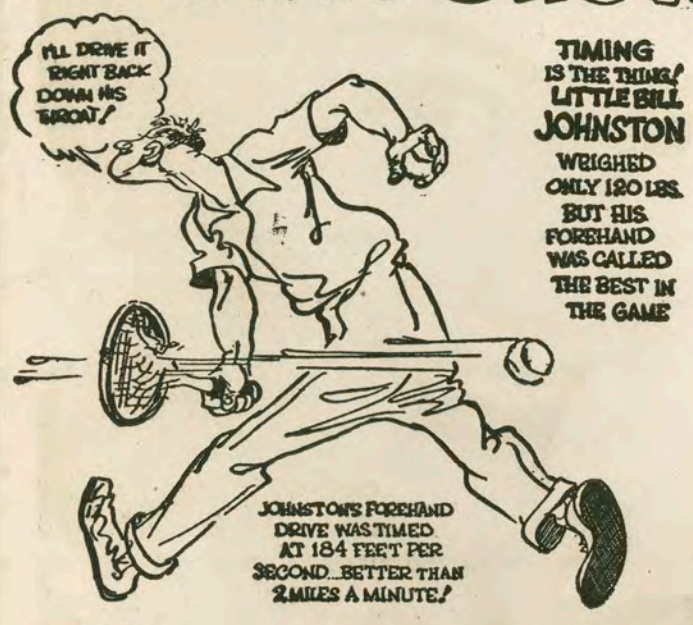
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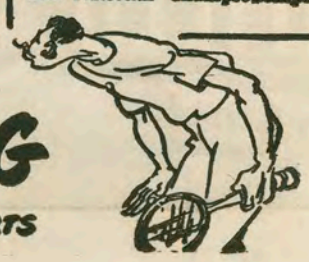

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Trackmen Point For First Win; Meet Oswego

Two winless cinder crews from Oswego and Hamilton will clash on Steuben oval tomorrow afternoon in the final meet of the year for both squads. Last Saturday, in the Second Annual Invitational Track Meet at Troy, eleven of Coach Pete Dugan's charges garnered 10 3|4 points to finish ninth in the eleven-team meet, while the Oswego aggregation failed to pick up a single marker, thus finishing last.

Both the Hamilton and Oswego teams, however, which rely on several outstanding freshmen for additional points, could not use these men in the meet. Oswego is known to possess a star freshman half-miler. In the meet at Troy, Hamilton's men competed against Oswego's men in only the hurdles, which Murphy of Hamilton took from the Oswego timber-topper, though neither man placed.

Meanwhile, Fred Schmidt broke the school shot put mark again as he heaved the 16-pound sphere 44' 1 3|4", to capture second. In the discus, Schmidt's longest toss was well beyond the eventual winner's heave, but Schmidt was disqualified for a violation. Co-Captain Clair Babcock captured third place in the broad jump with a leap of 21' 4". Paul Langa tied for fifth in the broad jump but failed to place in the high jump.

Jake Heinig and Paul Randall completed the scoring for the Blue. Heinig hurled the javelin better than 175' for show money, while Randall tied for fifth in the pole vault.

The competition was a bit too classy for the Blue thinclads as nine meet records fell by the wayside.

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Johnson Conducts Last Convocation

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, conducted the last Chapel Convocation of the year in the Hall of Commons lsat Sunday evening.

Introduced by Dean Robert R. Wicks, as a man "biased for good things," Doctor Johnson began his address by congratulating the students of Hamillon on being in a school where studies may be pursued uninterrupted. He continued by advancing his beliefs on what is most important in education and how it is to be attained.

The main business of education is "World View", according to Doctor Johnson. "Great living is impossible without convictions about the nature of human nature and the possibilities of human life upon this earth." He stressed the point that in most schools today, students have no great fundamental criteria on which to make decisions.

Secondly, Doctor Johnson said, no young man can take his convictions directly from the society existing around him. To conform and believe in present acievements, and not to inspect society and see what one wants to hold on to and what one wants to abandon, is dangerous. Young men coming out of college should continue where the last generation left off, instead of spending their lives preserving what has been done before them.

Dr. Johnson concluded that the final society toward which human nature is moving is one in which one's race or color matters not, but in which one has made himself the servant of every human being, a servant of human freedom and life fulfillment.

The Dean's Office reminds all veterans that, in order to receive their subsistence checks promptly next fall, they should pre-enroll by filling out proper forms in the office. This act in no way binds the student.

All veterans who plan to go to summer school are also reminded that they should fill out a request for a change in training both now and again before the end of the summer if they want subsistence. Those who are short on eligibility are advised not to use their subsistence allowances during the summer.

Six Seniors To Try For Clark Prize; Alumni Judge Speaking on June 11

At 2:30 p. m. Saturday, June 11,, six students will compete for the Clark Speaking Prize in the Soper Hall of Commons. The six men, all of the class of '49, are Edward Everett, Scott Francis, Bob Lewis, Bob Lipgar, Tom Maccabe, and Lowell Swarts.

Five alumni, all former Clark Prize speakers, will serve as judges of the contest. The foundation allows for a single prize to be given to the person adjudged to be the best speaker in the annual oratorical event.

Golf . . . Cont'd

only winner for the Utes was Joe Kroll over Bob Conklin. Kroll also picked up low ball for the match in which Bert Wright won over Al Dudasck. In the second match Tom Gregory and Bob Mackay won over Bob Ruhm and Gene Camody. The final match saw Luers and Burton score over Gates and Bagg.

Lacrosse . . . Cont'd

a close-in shot at 10:41 on an assist by Dick Baldwin. The Blue then concentrated on protecting the three point bulge and held Sampson in check throughout the fourth canto.

Griffiths turned in a superb performance in notching a rare shutout in a sport where goals are plentiful, making 22 saves. Rick Miller, playing his first game at defense after being switched from midfield, sparked the squad and earned the praises of his coaches and team mates. Charlie Reach, Dick Baldwin, and Jim Sontheimer on attack were all working well and passing smoothly.

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